

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, line 23, to page 5, line 1, as follows:

--The second aspect of the invention is the enzyme in the first aspect, having the

$\beta 1$  amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 7 in the sequence listing.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 2-4, as follows:

--The third aspect of the invention is the gene encoding the enzyme in the first aspect,

$\beta 2$  having the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO. 8 in the sequence listing.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 16, lines 8-19, as follows:

$\beta 3$  --After the purified DyP was denatured by ordinary methods, partial hydrolysis thereof using trypsin was performed. Partially digested peptides thus formed were fractionated by HPLC. Consequently, five fragments were recovered. The amino acid sequence of each of the fragments was determined by the Edman method with a protein sequencer. Among the amino acid sequences of the resulting five fragments, the first sequence was Trp Lys. The amino acid sequences of the second and thereafter are shown in the sequence listing, where the second is shown in SEQ ID NO. 1; the third is shown in SEQ ID NO. 2; the fourth is shown in SEQ ID NO. 3 and the fifth is shown in SEQ ID NO. 4.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 16, lines 20-22, as follows:

$\beta 4$  --Among these amino acid sequences, a partial sequence (SEQ ID NO. 5) of SEQ ID NO. 3 and a partial sequence (SEQ ID NO. 6) of SEQ ID NO. 4 were selected as PCR primers.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 17, lines 11-15, as follows:

$\beta 5$  --The recombinant plasmid was amplified, by using *E. coli* JM 109 strain. From the resulting plasmid was cutout the coding gene. By a second PCR, the resulting DNA was sequenced (see the positions 1012 to 1181 of SEQ ID NO. 8 in the sequence listing).--

--This indicates that pB92 carries the DyP gene. The amino acid sequence of DyP

Please replace the paragraph at page 31, line 22, to page 32, line 8, as follows:

Please replace the paragraph at page 32, line 18, to page 33, line 8, as follows:

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